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Broussard

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Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal faxed to and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 14, 2004, Appellant presents this Appeal Brief. The Notice of Appeal was filed following mailing of a final Office Action on June 15, 2004. Appellant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from a final rejection of claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-19 in the final Office Action, and respectfully requests that this appeal be considered by the Board.

I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The subject application is owned by International Business Machines Corporation, a corporation having its principal place of business at New Orchard Road, Armonk, New York, 10504, as evidenced by the assignment recorded at Reel 011888, Frame 0545.

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